

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several Unmanned Aerial Vehicles have been sighted recently in Ladakh;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has made any inquiry to find out their originating base and their purpose;
- (c) if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that such UAVs were sighted in the Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh regions in the months preceding the Kargil intrusion;
- (e) if so, the measures taken after the Kargil conflict to strengthen Air Surveillance to check such intrusions;
- (f) whether India possess the technology to spot such objects; and
- (g) if not, the name of countries having this technology and why India has not approached them?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) & (f): Strengthening of air surveillance capabilities of the Indian Air Force through procurement of radars and sensors is an ongoing process. The Indian Air Force has the requisite air defence mechanisms in place to monitor and thwart intrusions by UAVs/aircraft.
- (g) Does not arise.